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My Lord Treasurer,

THe Kings Most Excellent Majesty knowing your Integrity, Abilities and Experience in his Affairs, and particularly those of His *Treasury*, Hath thought fit to make choice of you to be His *Lord High Treasurer of England*; And what necessarily accompanies that Place, hath by His *Letters Patents* under the Great Seal, made you also *Treasurer of His Exchequer.*

The *Lord High Treasurer* of *England*'s Office, is held by the Kings delivery of the *White Staff*; The *Treasurers* of the *Exchequer* hath ever been held by *Letters Patents*; And is that by which your Lordship is more immediately Intitled, to be a Chief Judge of this Court.

It were too nice and tedious, and peradventure too Formal, to give an account of the several distinct Powers of these two Offices; *Reason*, and the length of *Time* hath now so Woven them together; But as they are both in your Lordship, I may justly say you are in a Place of the very first Rank, as to *Dignity*,

Power, *Truſt*, and *Influence* of *Affaires*. A Place that requires ſuch a Man as our Great Maſters Wiſdom hath found for it: From whoſe natural temper we may expect Courage, Quickneſs, and Reſolution; From whoſe Education, Wiſdom and Experience; And from whoſe Extraction, that Noble and Illuſtrious Houſe of the *Cliffords*, an Heroick Mind, a Large Soul, and an Unſhaken Fidelity to the *Crown*.

My Lord, 'Tis a great Honour, much beyond even the place it ſelf, that you are Choſen to it by this King, who, without flattery I may ſay, is as great a Maſter in the Knowledge of Men and Things, as this, or any other Age hath produced; And let me ſay farther, it is not only your Honour, that you are Choſen by Him; but it is your Safety too, that you have Him to Serve; with whom no ſubtil Inſinuations of any near Him, nor the aſpiring Intereſt of a *Favorite*, ſhall ever prevail againſt thoſe that ſerve Him well. Nor can His Servants fear to be Sacrific'd to the Malice, Envy, or Miſtake of a mote ſwelling popular greatneſs. A Prince under whom the Unfortunate fall gently. A Prince, in a word, that beſt of all Mankind, deſerves the Title of *Delicia Humani generis*.

My Lord, I will not hold you long, for you have a Journey to go. After you have taken your Oath, and your Place in this Court, you are, according to antient Cuſtom, to Viſit all the Offices in the Upper and Lower Exchequer; And therefore let me end with this Wiſh, or rather Propheſie, That you may exceed all your Predeceſſors in this Place: The Abilities and Fidelity of the Renowned Lord *Burleigh*; The Sagacity, Quickneſs and great Diſpatch of his Son the Lord *Salisbury*; And the Uprightneſs, Integrity and Wiſdom of that great Man that went laſt before you, the Earl of *Southampton*.

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